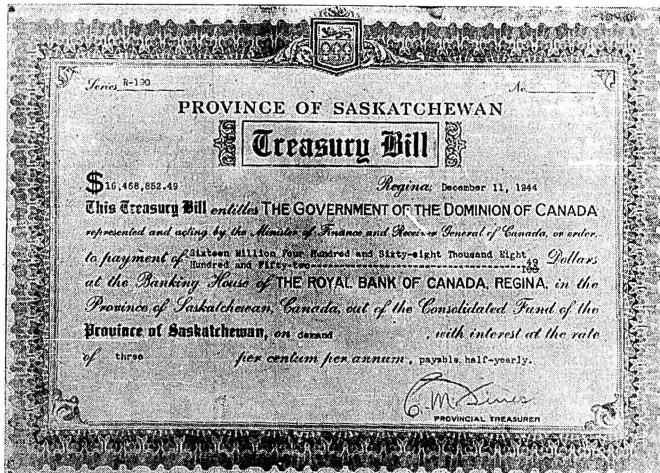




Government Riding Two Horses

Facsimile Saskatchewan Treasury Bill Sent to Mr. Ilsley



This is the Treasury Bill for \$16,468,852 sent by the present Saskatchewan government to the Federal Department of Finance covering the 1938 seed grain loan. The Federal government already holds \$75,422,000 in exactly similar Treasury Bills from previous Liberal Saskatchewan governments. The Federal government has never demanded payment of that 75 million. But the Federal government has demanded IMMEDIATE payment of this 16 million. WHY?



PERSONAL STUFF
BY
E. E. R.

BACK in 1931, which was before the C.C.F. came into being, I scribbled the following parable for my column in the Alberta Labor News. I've never been able to think of a better way to express the thoughts which I then was trying to convey:

On a great estate in a far country there lived, once upon a time, thirteen families. And the name of one of the families was Have, but the twelve other families were of the tribe of Havenot. Now the estate upon which these families lived was very great indeed. The land thereof was rich, its hills contained iron and gold and precious stones, its orchards bore luscious fruits, and the cattle on a thousand hills were fat. There was everything on the estate that could be used by the inhabitants thereof. And the family of Have and the tribe of Havenot were clever and resourceful. They had learned to make use of all the abundant resources of the estate until it had become indeed a land flowing with milk and honey. But the family of Have owned the estate. It owned also the machines which it and the members of the tribe of Havenot had made, and it owned the storehouses into which the products of the estate were stored. All that was produced on the estate was the property of the family of Have. In return for the work which the families of the tribe of Havenot performed in the fields and the workshops that were owned by the family of Have, the Have-nots were given strange pieces of paper cunningly engraved with mysterious markings, and with these pieces of paper they were able to

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Return From Oil Is Only 4% of Corporation Profits

Replying to a question by C.C.F. Leader, Elmer E. Roper, Hon. N. E. Tanner told the Alberta legislature Tuesday that 20 oil and gas companies had paid to the government in royalties, fees and rentals the sum of \$287,219 in the year 1942. The list included the major operators in the Turner Valley field and the companies supplying natural gas to the cities of Calgary and Edmonton.

The C.C.F. Leader asked the question for the purpose of comparison with the profits recorded by the corporations. During 1942 the companies referred to had net profits, after payment of taxes, de-

preciation, etc., of \$3,000,000. In addition, reserves set aside for depletion and depreciation amounted to nearly \$4,000,000, making a gross profit of just under \$7,000,000.

The figures bear out a contention made by C.C.F. speakers who told Alberta electors that the Alberta government was getting for the people a negligible part of the wealth taken from the province's petroleum and natural gas resources.

Mr. Tanner's figures show that the revenue of the province is approximately 4 per cent of that obtained by the corporations exploiting the resources.

WILLIAMS RESIGNS DUE TO ILL HEALTH

REGINA—Announcement that Major G. H. Williams had resigned as Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture, was made in the course of the throne speech debate by Premier T. C. Douglas. Major Williams became ill shortly after the government assumed office in July of 1944 and after being in hospital in Regina for a few weeks, left for Victoria, B. C., to recuperate. His condition, however, has failed to improve.

In commenting on his resignation, Premier Douglas said: "Major Williams has spent a good part of his life fighting the farmers' battles and I had wished he could devote years more to bettering conditions of agriculture."

REGINA, SASK.—Sale of Saskatchewan Security Bonds has exceeded the million dollar quota, according to an announcement made by the Hon. C. M. Fines, Provincial Treasurer.

Agnes Macphail on "Things to Come" Tuesday, March 6

Discussing "The Structure of Canadian Government," Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P.P., Hon. J. E. Lawson and Professor Geo. W. Brown of the Department of History, University of Toronto, will be the speakers in the CBC Citizens' Forum broadcast on Tuesday, March 6, at 9 p. m. The program will be carried by radio stations CKUA, CFAC and CJOC.

J. E. Cook Making A Good Recovery

J. E. Cook, provincial president of the Alberta C.C.F., and federal campaign manager for the province, who has been confined to the University Hospital for the past few weeks, is showing considerable improvement in his condition. His many friends throughout the province will join in extending their good wishes for his early recovery to good health.

Is Becoming Ultra-Tory --Liesemer

"There is every evidence that the Alberta Government is rapidly becoming ultra-conservative, that it is virtually the instrument in Alberta of those 'big shots' that in 1935 it was elected to fight," was the charge of Flt.-Lt. A. J. E. Liesemer, CCF M.L.A. from Calgary, in continuing the debate on the Speech from the Throne Wednesday afternoon.

"The government has not sponsored one act since 1940 which has been designed to implement the principles of Social Credit. To recede on the excuse that the Dominion disallowed early legislation is no answer to the desires of those Social Credit supporters throughout the province who are looking to this government for a new economic order," he said.

Flt.-Lt. Liesemer pointed out that the government polled approximately 145,000 votes in August, the C.C.F. 70,000 and the Independents 45,000, representing a stationery vote for Social Credit, a double vote for the C.C.F. and a great reduction for the Independents.

"But this does not mean that the C.C.F. gained from the Independents. It simply means that what the C.C.F. gained from the most progressive elements within the Social Credit movement, was about exactly counter-balanced by government gains from the old line party vote."

"With the passing of the government from the hands of the late Mr. Aberhart to those of the present leaders the 'powers-that-be' realized suddenly that they had

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\$1,422 MILLION IN GOV'T WAR PLANT

At the end of October, 1944, the Dominion government owned an estimated \$1,422 million in industrial facilities and defence construction. Of this total, \$790 million was in industrial facilities and \$632 million in defence construction, according to "Labour Facts," issued by the Wartime Information Board.

Investment in industrial facilities was as follows: Crown plants operated by the Crown: \$65 million; Crown companies operated by the Crown: \$115 million; privately operated Crown plants: \$450 million; in privately owned plants: \$160 million.

BACK CO-OPS

C.C.F. members of the Alberta legislature called for a clear statement on the taxation of Co-operatives in a resolution presented to the House on Tuesday afternoon. The speech of the C.C.F. Leader on the motion, in which he asked for unanimous unequivocal support of the Co-ops in their fight for existence, is printed in full on page 2 of this issue.



FLT.-LT. A. J. E. LIESEMER, C.C.F. member for Calgary, speaking in the debate on the Speech from the Throne in the Alberta Legislature on Wednesday urged the government to go forward with the people, and not backward with reaction.

Flt.-Lt. Liesemer, who recently received a promotion to his present rank, has been transferred to No. 15 Aeronautical Inspection Department, Winnipeg.

SASK. CCF MEMBER SCORES CO-OP TAX

REGINA—Strong protest against any "attempt to impose a taxation" on the "savings" of co-operatives will be urged in a resolution to be moved in the provincial legislature by M. H. Feeley, (CCF, Canora). Mr. Feeley's resolution contends that "savings of co-operative associations effected through co-operative action, belong to the individual members and as such, should not be subjected to income tax or excess profits tax while in the hands of the co-operative."

P.W. Best Source Information Says Eastern Reader

Coming from a social service worker in the East who is in a good position to judge the worth of a publication like the People's Weekly, this letter is typical of many now being received at the P. W. office:

"Congratulations on the new developments in the ownership and publishing of the People's Weekly. It is my best source of information about Western affairs, and particularly Alberta. P. W. still leads the C.C.F. papers in content, organization and general appearance. Here is my subscription for the next two years, namely a \$5 postal note. Best wishes for further growth to the P. W. and the work it supports."

Roper in CBC Talk Wednesday, Mar. 14

Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., C.C.F. Provincial Leader, will speak over the CBC network on Wednesday, March 14, from 8:30 p. m. to 9 p. m. In this series of political broadcasts arranged by the CBC, the leaders of political parties are granted free radio time throughout the year.

ASK LEGISLATURE BACK CO-OPS

C. C. F. Members Move Resolution Opposing Taxation of Savings

Calling upon the members of the Alberta legislature to declare themselves unequivocally on the question of imposing income and excess profits taxes on savings effected by co-operation, the C.C.F. members of the Alberta House on Tuesday moved the following resolution:

Whereas co-operative associations are non-profit associations formed to provide service for their members and patrons at cost, and

Whereas any surplus which may arise in the operation of co-operatives represents an overcharge in the process of providing such services, and is returnable to the co-operative member based on the extent of his patronage,

Resolved, that, in the opinion of this Legislative Assembly, savings of Co-operative Associations, effected through co-operative action, belong to the individual members and, as such, should not be subject to income or excess profit tax while in the hands of the co-operative, and, further, that this Assembly would strongly protest any attempt to impose taxation on such savings.

Adjournment of the debate on the resolution was moved by Hon. Solon Low following the speech of Elmer E. Roper, C.C.F. Leader, who moved the resolution, seconded by F.L. A. J. E. Liesemer. In moving the C.C.F. motion, Mr. Roper said:

Painted on the elevators of one of the western wheat pools, Manitoba I think it is, are the words, "Service at Cost." That phrase describes in three words the purpose and function of the co-operatives, the members of which are banded together to perform for themselves at cost services which others have been performing for them at cost plus a profit.

Obviously, therefore, if at the end of the year a co-operative has in its possession a money surplus after meeting all its costs of operation, that money represents an overcharge made to the member. If a co-operative is not to be permitted to return that overcharge to the member, then the co-operative is defrauded from providing service at cost and the whole purpose of co-operation is frustrated.

Not Taxable in Britain Because this principle has been generally recognized for the past century, savings available for patronage dividends, or rebates,



ELMER E. ROPER, M.L.A.
C.C.F. Provincial Leader.

or bonuses, have not been regarded as taxable while in the hands of the co-operatives.

Those who remember the fight which took place in Britain on this question in 1933, will recall that the private interests who conducted the campaign against the co-operatives did succeed in having the income tax law changed. However, this attempt to impose what the British co-operatives referred to as "penal" taxation, made very little difference to the co-operatives, because patronage dividends under the British income tax are allowed as deductions from so-called taxable profit.

When private interests in Canada in their briefs to the Royal Commission on taxation of co-operatives contend that co-operatives in Britain are taxed on the same basis as private enterprise, they are not telling the whole truth. It is only the net surpluses of the co-operatives, the surplus which remains after the payment of patronage dividends, that is subject to income tax in Britain.

Until a year or two ago this principle of recognizing the right of co-operatives to render service to themselves at cost, has been recognized, in Canada. The income tax departments and all the co-operatives accepted Section 4 (p) of the Income Tax Act as exempting from income tax the savings effected by co-operative societies. When this section was passed the then Minister of Finance who introduced it, declared unequivocally that it was intended to exempt all co-operative societies, marketing

and purchasing. Under that assurance no co-operative in Canada has paid income tax.

Have Become Threat

But during the past decade co-operatives have been growing. More and more of the people of Canada have come to realize that by acting collectively both producers and consumers can perform for themselves services which hitherto they have relied upon others to do for them; that by doing so they can save for themselves that part of the return from their labor which formerly went to others. This growing force of co-operative thought and action has resulted in an ever-increasing share of the business of the country—especially of the West—being done by the co-operatives.

Alarmed by this apparent threat to their interests, private corporations, particularly the grain trade, began, through Boards of Trade and in the financial and daily press, a campaign to have the savings effected by the co-operatives taxed on the same basis as profits made by private corporations.

Acting under pressure from the interests opposed to the co-operatives, the Dominion government referred the question of taxation of co-operatives to the Department of Justice. The opinion of the law officers of the crown was that the section of the act under which the co-operatives were considered to be exempt did not apply to urban consumer societies or to societies like the pool elevators. Acting on this advice, the government authorized assessment of the pools and other co-operatives for income tax, making the assessment retroactive to 1940.

Serious Matter

This was an exceedingly serious matter for the pools. They had paid out millions of dollars as patronage dividends and if they were compelled to pay income and excess profits tax on these so-called surpluses from 1940, it would create very serious financial difficulties for them.

But the pools and the co-operatives union of Canada did not take this reversal of government policy lying down. They continued to protest with the result that last October, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Ilsley, announced that all proceedings against co-operatives for income tax had been suspended, and a Royal Commission was appointed to deal with the whole question of taxation of co-operatives and to make recommendations for clarifying legislation with regard to the legal and fiscal status of co-operative societies.

As we know, that Royal Commission has been meeting all across Canada, hearing evidence from the co-operatives and from those who wish to destroy them.

Vital Concern

This whole matter is one of vital concern to the people of Canada. The outcome may affect the whole future of the economic life of Canada. If the enemies of co-operative economic activity are successful in their present drive against the co-operatives, if the savings which are effected by co-operative action are to be taxed away before they reach the co-operatives, the whole principle of co-operation will have received a staggering blow.

The outcome of this question is therefore of such vital importance that those who represent the people in legislatures or parliament must have no hint of equivocation regarding it. We have introduced this resolution, Mr. Speaker, so that no one can have any doubt about where this House stands on the matter.

We have felt that it was necessary to do this because we believe there is some doubt now. I have in my hand a copy of the statement

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filed on behalf of this government with the Royal Commission when it was in Edmonton. I have read it very carefully. It is a good review of the growth and value of the co-operatives in Alberta and of the assistance which has been rendered to them by this and the previous government.

No Mention of Tax

But a very careful reading of the statement reveals no single mention of the question upon which the Royal Commission was receiving evidence—taxation of co-operatives. If one must depend on the statement presented to the Commission by the government, then it is impossible to know whether the government favors or opposes the application of income tax to the co-operatives. The attitude of the government toward this resolution should make its position clear.

Another incident, the report of which I have here, contributes to the doubt which exists in the minds of some about the attitude of the Social Credit movement toward this question. According to this report in the Edmonton Journal of November 22, 1944, the convention of the Social Credit party held in Edmonton had before it a resolution dealing with taxation of co-operatives. The report reads:

"Lengthy debate was indicated when the resolution urging that savings or earnings accumulated by co-operative enterprises for producer and consumer members be exempt from federal income tax, was taken up. 'The resolution said the Dominion Department of Finance has such a tax under consideration. It was claimed that such action would constitute a double or super-tax on all producers or consumers partionizing these co-ops.

"After some debate, the resolution was referred back to the resolutions committee for further study."

S. C. Position Not Clear

Now I have been informed, Mr. Speaker—and the President of the provincial Social Credit movement is here in the House and can correct me if I am wrong—that the resolution did not come back to the floor of the convention. That, in conventions of older parties, is a time-honored way of killing a resolution, a vote on which might prove embarrassing. I am willing to accept in advance that no such slick procedure ever takes place in a Social Credit convention! But the fact remains that the position of the movement with respect to taxation of co-operatives was not made clear.

Then I have in my hand a clipping from the Edmonton Bulletin of Friday, February 23rd, 1945, containing a statement by the former provincial Treasurer who is now the National Leader of the Social Credit movement. This clipping intimates that the honorable member for Warner "branded as utterly false the statement apparently emanating from the C.C.F. member, the People's Weekly, accusing me of having stated in Ottawa that I am in favor of the taxation of co-operatives."

Not C.C.F. Report

Before I go on to examine what the Hon. member for Warner said was his stand on the matter I wish to correct him on an important point. The report of what he said at the Glebe Collegiate in Ottawa on the evening of February 6th,

did not emanate from The People's Weekly or from any other C.C.F. source. It emanated from the report of my friend's speech in the Ottawa Citizen, a report which he no doubt has read.

To refresh his memory on that point I will read the item. It is on page 1 in the edition of February 7th: "To still another question Mr. Low indicated that Social Credit stands for co-operative organizations paying taxes on the same basis as private enterprise organizations with which they compete." That is the report which appeared not in a C.C.F. paper but in a paper which was supporting Social Credit before the Hon. member ever had any interest in that economic theory. The paper was sent to me by a very responsible person who attended the meeting and who asserts emphatically that the Citizen's report is entirely accurate.

But I am not any more interested in what the Hon. member said in Ottawa than I am in the carefully prepared statement in which he is supposed to be denying what the Citizen reported him to have said in Ottawa. He takes no definite stand on the current issue in this statement. "In a Social Credit order," he says, "no question as to the taxation of co-operatives could arise for neither they nor the small business would be taxed by the federal government."

Vital Question Now Well, Mr. Speaker, it may be very interesting to learn that no question of this kind will arise in a Social Credit order. But the cold, hard fact is that it has arisen in this present order. It is a vital question at this moment. This resolution will give the Hon. member for Warner and others an opportunity to be specific about the question now before the people of Canada.

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SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA.

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: The subversive propaganda being spread by the Social Credit movement is undermining the war effort. This propaganda asserts that the war is caused by international Jews who are out to create a world slave state and who are supported in Canada by the Canadian Government. Certainly anyone who believes this Hitlerite line will oppose the war effort, and will refuse to volunteer or to support the Victory Loans.

I have just finished reading the November 30th issue of "The Canadian Social Creditor," which reports the keynote speech to the Provincial Social Credit Convention given by L. D. Byrne, technical advisor to the Government of Alberta. Here are some of the things he said:

"A group of men predominantly of the same racial origin . . . associated with the Rothschilds . . . have been able to foment and promote wars. . . . 'The final stages of this international junta's drive for their objective of a World Slave State require war'. . . . 'With the outbreak of war, the blueprint for world dictatorship was quickly revealed.' (He is talking about the United Nations). 'The authorship of this delightful plan for world tyranny more complete than Hitler's New Order can be traced directly to the international financial junta'. . . . 'Thus we see the New Order taking shape in the form of nations organized under the totalitarian State dictatorship—fundamentally the same as the State dictatorship of Nazi Germany'. . . . 'Within this country the policies directed to that end are being energetically furthered by the Mackenzie King government.' . . .

The Nazis shower our battle lines with leaflets carrying identical propaganda. Any man who fails for this line will see no purpose in 'going active' to defeat the Nazis; nor will the front-line soldier who believes it, fight with the conviction that his sacrifices are worthwhile—his morale will be poor. I am sure that such is the result of this line because I meet men who are undermined by it.

It is time for the Federal Government and the people of Canada to put an end to this subversive propaganda which is hindering the war effort. B. R. McDONALD, 19 S.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.

"MODERN" POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: A book that should be in the hands of every thinking person is a more or less recently published one, "Modern Political Philosophies," by Louis Wassermann, and sold for 98 cents. It contains 17 chapters on Introduction to Social Changes, Democracy, Liberalism, Capitalism, State Capitalism, Utopianism, Marxism, Socialism, Soviet Communism, Anarchism, Syndicalism, Guild Socialism, Christian Socialism, Fabian Socialism, The Single Tax, The Co-operative Movement, Italian Fascism, Nazism (German Fascism), Japanese Fascism and a Glossary of World Governments, a List of Selected Reading and an Index.

The book is informative, impartial, concise. It should be in the library of every C.C.F. club, and should be a text book in our schools. B. A. S.

WORKS BOTH WAYS

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: The Edmonton Journal in its editorial page of January 30, carried an article from the Vancouver Sun quoting J. S. Duncan, general manager of the Massey Harris Co., as saying: "It is a common error to believe that jobs are made by industrialists or farmers. They are not. Jobs are made by customers, and the customers to whom we are referring are living abroad. Let us never overlook the cardinal fact that foreign customers are not interested even remotely, in our standard of living in Canada, but in the quality and the cost of the goods with which we supply them."

What profound wisdom!

If foreign customers make jobs here, we would wonder if Canadian customers did not make jobs abroad. Some of us even with open minds have long suspected as much.

Mr. Duncan, the Edmonton Journal, Banker Carlisle "et al," however, would put a barrier between these customers abroad and their customers here unless they could make a profit in the exchange.

The C.C.F. would have an export and import organization to continue this exchange just as long as our customers abroad had anything Canadian customers wanted. Just as long as the present system exists this exchange of goods and services can be effected only in a limited way. The development of national monopolies and their logical extension into the international field by means of cartels will always limit the amount to that which will be profitable to these gentlemen. That customers here or abroad want an equitable exchange on the basis of the needs of each for a higher standard of living will always be a secondary consideration in a profit economy. CARL P. COLVIN, Sedgewick, Alta.

THOSE N.A.R. RATES

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: If the N.A.R. does not reduce its rates, "We will build a highway that will make the grass grow on that railway," declared the Hon. W. A. Fallow, Minister of Public Works for Alberta, as quoted by The Edmonton Journal February 10, 1945.

There is not a doubt that the expenditure of large quantities of rate-payers' money—which has always been right up Mr. Fallow's alley, this could be done, and Social Credit might have bought much prestige and many supporters, but at what cost to the credit and rate-payers of this Province.

If this Minister had the interest of the Peace River Block shippers, or the business interests of the province in mind; rather than party politics, he or his department could have laid a formal protest before the Board of Transport Commissioners, on N.A.R. rates five or six years ago. Was this done?

Mr. Fallow, is it good business to spend a few more millions of the Alberta people's money on highways for the duplication and competition of the N.A.R. transport system, upon which this Provincial Government has already lost \$11,440,953.85 in the financing, constructing, operating, and finally selling to the C.P.R. and C.N.R. (Province of Alberta Public Accounts, 1932.

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wish to make in this connection. I make it because of the indulgence by the leader of one of the Progressive Conservative Party in what I regard as double-talk about something he calls double-taxation. I quote from his statement:

"No one can justify unfair taxation in this country and it is unfair to corporations to tax their shareholders twice while the members of co-operatives are taxed but once. . . . It is my conviction that incomes should not be taxed twice; first in the hands of the co-operative or other corporation and then again in the hands of the member of the co-operative or shareholder of the corporation."

His audience was told that he was "opposed to taxation of patronage dividends, but if we are to fight taxation of co-operatives, we must also fight double taxation of private enterprise."

False Statement of Position
I quote this statement of Mr. Bracken's because unfortunately the national leader of the party opposite, who is its spokesman on the national field where the question of income taxes for the time being is decided, has used similar words. Mr. Speaker, a statement such as that I have just read, which makes no distinction between the savings effected by a co-operative and those of a corporation is a completely false statement of the position.

Reference to the myth of alleged double taxation is a repetition of the jargon about income and excess profits taxes which I have been reading in the Financial Post, the Monetary Times and Canadian Business ever since the war began. I refer to it as a myth and that is what it is. It is the sort of double talk which the great financial and industrial interests of this country invent to befuddle and deceive the people of the nation.

No "Double Taxation"

There is no double taxation. The only justification for the use of such a term was when the same income was subject to taxation in more than one province or in the Dominion and a province when no deduction was allowed for either. Nothing of that kind exists today. The designation of taxation of corporation profits as "double-taxation" is an invention of the publicists of those interests which in paper and war rather than in enormous gains from the exploitation of the people and resources of the nation.

Let me give the House a concrete example, a business owned by an individual. In the way of salary, director's fees, etc., the proprietor gets for himself out of the business a better than average income. In addition the business shows a substantial net profit. This profit is taxed. And why not? Such a surplus has been created mostly by the community and it is needed by the community for social services, fire and police protection, roads and other public works.

Only Taxed Once

Now it may be that the proprietor of the business has his personal income taxed also. To say that this is double taxation is nonsense. So far as his personal income is concerned it should be taxed exactly as the personal income of every other citizen. It should be taxed if others receiving a similar income are taxed. But such an income is taxed just once. It is not double taxation to tax the profits that are left after his income has been paid to him.

But it may be argued that while this is so in respect to income received in the way of salaries by the proprietors of businesses, it is not so in respect to dividends. It is from profits that dividends are paid, therefore if these are taxable while in the hands of the corporation there is double taxation, it is said, because the dividends are also taxed.

That too is a false contention. Taxation of profits is not on a scale which prevents the payment of dividends on a basis of a fair return on the money invested. If that fair return is not available it



By ZELLA SPENCER

I WAS sorting some old papers today and I came across an item which might interest you. It is from the official organ of one of the Canadian political parties. I shall not mention which one for they sound very alike. It is speaking in reference to the C.C.F. Conference held in Montreal and heads it "Socialists Map Out Totalitarian State." It comments that in the shadow of a great national political and moral crisis Coldwell and his clan are then and adds, "Never has there been such a disgusting spectacle of a party bidding for national recognition by crude and cruel moral bribery without a single thought of national welfare."

Sometimes it does seem utterly hopeless to go on when one reads the article in some of our contemporary papers. They would be most amusing and we could read them as fish stories to note which could tell the biggest, only the pitiful fact is that there are always some who believe this rubbish or worse than rubbish. It really seems incredible that people of intelligence can believe some of the statements which are issued in the press and come over the air about the C.C.F. and Socialism. Of course, we realize that to many it is their daily bread to paint things as lurid as possible.

Playing on people's fears is the

not because of taxation, but because of lack of profits. And if there is a lack of profits there is no taxation. For instance, dividends from corporations are not taxable after they are paid unless they bring the income of the recipient up into income tax brackets. In that case they should be regarded as any other income.

Double-talk

I have taken some time to expose this double-taxation double-talk, because most of those who indulge in it are doing so deliberately to confuse the public. They are using the attempt to impose unjust taxation on the savings effected by co-operation, as an excuse to promote exemption from taxation on the part of corporations who make profits out of the people.

1. The purpose of co-operation is to enable the co-operators to provide for themselves needed services at cost. Obviously this cannot be done if the savings effected by co-operation are taken in taxation before they are distributed to the co-operators.

2. So-called surpluses accumulated during a business year by a co-operative are savings effected by the membership by collectively doing for themselves what otherwise would be done for them by a private corporation operating for profit.

3. Such savings should be regarded as part of the individual

policy adopted by all parties. There was a time when they stressed the "levelling down" process. At least that was the picture they tried to paint as the result of the C.C.F.'s plans for government ownership of our great natural resources and services and for co-operative effort where it would be successful. But this idea of having many things in common and thus having a higher standard than would be possible with individual ownership, began to look less fearful. To be sure it could still appeal to "The Haves," but "The Have Nots" had begun to look about them. Something else must be stressed.

Now it is dictatorship. Almost all of us, rich or poor, young or old, like to have our own way, so the thing that will have the greatest appeal to the greatest number is to stress the dictatorship which shall have under the policy of the C.C.F. Of course, the story need not be cranked by the truth.

It always seems to me rather pitiful that the Social Credit leaders and teachers stress that to such a degree. They give scant reference to the dictatorship of Big Business which we have heretofore had, and business after the war will be accentuated into government ownership or very large common ownership because so much has been done in the larger scale enterprises of the war. How grateful Big Business must be.

co-operator's income and as such become taxable only if they raise his income to the point where all incomes become taxable.

4. The threat of taxation of savings effected by co-operative action is a serious menace to the principle and existence of the co-operative movement. It is an issue in respect to which there should be no equivocation or evasion on the part of representatives of the people such as we are.

I therefore ask the members of the House to give their unanimous support to this resolution so that all Canada may know, beyond any shadow of doubt, where this legislative stands on this matter which is so vital to the cause of economic democracy.

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SHOULD MAKE POSITION CLEAR

THE resolution introduced in the Alberta legislature by the C.C.F. members should let co-operatives and others know exactly where the government and the party it represents stand on the important matter of the imposition of income taxes on co-operatives. As the mover of the resolution showed, the position of the government and the Social Credit movement up to this time has been far from clear.

When a resolution opposing taxation of co-operative surpluses was before the provincial Social Credit convention last November, it was referred back, after lengthy debate, to the resolutions committee. It never came back to the floor of the convention. This is an old device for evading an embarrassing issue.

The statement presented on behalf of the Alberta government to the Royal Commission on the Taxation of Co-operatives when it was in Edmonton, was merely a review of the progress of Alberta co-operatives. There was not a word in the statement about the question upon which the Commission is to report. As Mr. Roper said in the house, no one could tell from the statement whether or not the government was in favor of taxation.

Hon. Solon Low's position is equally unclear. He issued a long statement last week partially contradicting a report of his speech in Ottawa, but failed in his statement to indicate his stand on the issue with which the Royal Commission is dealing.

The C.C.F. resolution in the legislature so completely states the position in respect to taxation of savings effected by co-operation that it should receive the unanimous approval of the House. Any attempt by amendment or otherwise to make the attitude of the members less emphatic should be regarded as an attempt to evade the issue.

CHARACTERISTIC

WHAT influence Progressive Conservative Leader Bracken's story about the draftees sent overseas throwing their rifles overboard from the ship on which they sailed, had on the Grey North result is a matter for speculation. It wasn't a very pretty piece of campaigning and of course the story was denied by the government but the denial didn't catch up to the story before the election was over.

Maclean's Magazine in its current issue has an interesting comment on the incident and one that does some credit to the C.C.F. "It is a matter of interest and pertinence" said *Maclean's* "that this rifle-throwing story was offered to the C.C.F. as campaign material but was turned down. About two weeks before election day an Army officer came into M. J. Coldwell's office to tell this tale (which he said he'd heard from a sailor) of Zombies throwing their weapons into the sea. Mr. Coldwell asked for details, corroboration. When had this happened? What units had done it? Where? From what ship? What, if anything, had the authorities done about it? The officer said he would ascertain these things, and departed. He never came back."

Associates of M. J. Coldwell will recognize in this incident a characteristic of the National Leader of the C.C.F.

ONE-SIDED DEAL

THAT Flight Lieutenant A. J. E. Liesemer would be a member of the Alberta legislature who would do credit to himself and the movement under whose auspices he was elected, none who knew him could have any doubt. His maiden speech in the legislature this week established him as a valuable member of the house.

Among a number of telling points made by the new C.C.F. member none was more incisive than his reference to the agreement under which the Alberta government is having a pilot plant constructed at McMurray by a private company.

The province is to bear the whole cost of the plant, estimated at \$250,000. The company is being given the right to purchase the plant on its completion at cost, the total amount being payable by 1955.

As F/L Liesemer told the legislature, it's a heads I win tails you lose proposition. If the experiment is a success the company has the right to buy the plant and get the profits. If it is a failure the province loses.

It is indeed true that no old party government has ever been more solicitous of the interests of a private speculator than is evident in this deal. Private interests, it has been said, should get the profits because they take the risks. In this case the province is taking all the risks but if there is any profit a private company gets it. The people of the province are indebted to F/L Liesemer for his exposure of this one-sided deal.

"Free Enterprise" should put muzzles on some of its servants. That statement of G. H. Lash about unravelling sweaters so that men might have work making sweaters, is a priceless example of the stupidities necessary to keep dear old "free enterprise" going.

THE THIRD COLUMN

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If co-operative savings were taxed and the taxes were deducted by co-operatives from the patronage dividends paid to the members, it is likely there would soon be an insistent and, indeed, an imperative demand by the members who own and control co-operatives that their officials should estimate the cost of doing business and reduce charges for merchandise in the case of consumers co-operatives, and increase prices in the case of producers co-operatives, thereby avoiding, or at least substantially reducing, the cash savings available for taxation. Then the complaint of private enterprise would be that co-operatives were "cutting" prices in the case of consumers co-operatives, and paying unreasonably high prices in the case of producers co-operatives.

Private enterprise cannot be satisfied on any way or the other. The fundamental fact is that by its principles, co-operatives give the people a more economical service.—The Canadian Co-operator, February, 1945.

"As soon as the war is over, government borrowing and government spending will cease, and the national income in bound to go down to a low level."—Hon. Mr. Hanson (page 1305) of Hansard

"Watch out for the soldiers coming home, they have not got their minds away from three or four or ten years ago, when they suffered. They will gamble their freedom for security."

"I say business itself is at stake today. It is not this or that political party that is at stake; political parties have passed away before now, but private enterprise is in jeopardy. We are not so far from Socialism today as so many complacently believe we are. The only way to save capitalism—I am not afraid of the word capitalism—is to make up our minds, that certain things will have to be done."—Mr. J. G. Turgeon, M.P., speaking at the Seignior Club, as reported by J. Norman Smith in the Ottawa Journal of Oct. 30, 1943.

"I don't see how in hell Canada is going to escape a return to the 'good old days' when one man in ten was unemployed unless there is a radical change in our political and economic set-up. I believe this vast and rehabilitation scheme is nothing more than a vote-catching stop-gap on the road to chaos. The C.C.F. program is the only one I can see which can possibly lead to the kind of Canada the boys over here brag about in their English comrades-in-arms."—A reader of the People's Weekly has sent the above paragraph. It is contained in a letter received from a young man in the RCAP overseas.

"The C.C.F. makes a great point of being a 'democratic' party, but some people are beginning to wonder if it isn't a bit too democratic for its own good."—"Backstage at Ottawa," by the Man With a Notebook, *Maclean's Magazine*, March 1, 1945.

So his (Beverly Nichols) book became a best seller of the best sellers. And how! And just to remind ourselves of what asses we were, let us recall that the good old British province of Ontario in 1937, made this pacifist book, "Cry Havoc," compulsory reading for Ontario high schools.—Elmore Philpott, in the Vancouver Sun, February 18, 1945.



WILLIAM IRVINE'S WEEKLY COMMENT

The San Francisco Conference

THERE is to be another international conference. It will open at San Francisco on April 25th. The matters to be discussed there are of the greatest importance. They will have a direct bearing on international co-operation and the future peace of the world. It appears that Canada will not have proper representation at that conference. The Canadian people have not had an opportunity to express their opinion as to what will be considered at it or who will be there to do the considering. It is likely, of course, that the Prime Minister will be there with a few "yes" men of his own choosing. But he is now head of a moribund government which no longer represents the Canadian people. Such by-elections as have been held—have shown that the people were decidedly opposed to the policies of the present government. But Mr. King wants to go to that conference because of its historic significance. It was because he wanted to go to it and other similar conferences that he postponed the general election last fall when it should have been held. He was afraid that he might be defeated and in consequence wouldn't be Canada's representative. He can now go, and justify his going by saying that there is no one else to go.

A Representative Delegation

THERE have been no discussions in the Canadian parliament of the matters to be dealt with at San Francisco. The British parliament has discussed them. President Roosevelt has selected his delegation from both the Republican and Democratic parties. He wants the voice of America in that conference. His action in this respect is highly commendable and is better than the best traditions of a capitalist democracy. The Socialist government of Australia has also selected delegates from all parties. Mr. Churchill did not think of allowing the British delegation to go to San Francisco without first hearing the views of parliament, which while they no longer represent the British people any more than Canada's parliament does, he still performed the traditional gesture of parliamentary discussion. It is still possible that the Canadian parliament may be called from its grave to discuss these issues. That, however, is not likely. In any case Canada will have no parliament at all by the time the conference is held. Our parliament legally expires April 17th. It expired in all other respects long before that. Mr. King has never had, throughout his long political career, an international policy which was not made for him by someone outside of Canada. We object to being represented by the leader of a discredited party without a party called at such a critical time. We demand that our Prime Minister follow the good examples of the president of the United States and the premier of Australia. Our delegation in the circumstances should contain representatives of Liberals and Communists, Socialists, and Social Credit, and the C.C.F. Such a delegation would at least be representative. And if they could agree on nothing else, they would all agree to go to San Francisco, and that would be some measure of unity.

Faith of a Political Virgin

MRS. Rose Wilkinson, M.L.A. for Calgary, has the distinction of not having forgotten Social Credit. They all remember it the first year, but somehow they all forget it very quickly. Mrs. Wilkin-

son was making her first speech in the legislature when she declared that the government had not forgotten Social Credit. The very fact that she had to say that is the best possible proof that the government had forgotten it. Mrs. Wilkinson went on to say that the government was committed by an overwhelming majority to give economic freedom to the people. Sure, it has been committed that way since 1935. And, of course, Mrs. Wilkinson cannot displease us by giving economic freedom to the people. We are waiting for just that. But we are about as tired waiting for this government to act as we were of other governments. When Mrs. Wilkinson says that Alberta people "never quit" she may be too sanguine. They quit the Liberal party in 1921; they quit the U.F.A. party in 1935; it is possible that they will quit the Social Credit party too in due course. But if she means that the Alberta people never quit until they get the economic freedom they want, then that means that they will have to quit Social Credit very soon indeed.

Bracken On Taxing Co-operatives

HON. John Bracken has been headlined several times in the press as being opposed to taxing the Co-operatives. But what did Mr. Bracken really say? Here are his words: "I am opposed to taxation of patronage dividends as an unfair tax but if we are to fight double taxation of Co-operatives, we must also fight double taxation of private enterprise." That statement is slippery enough to have come from the Prime Minister himself. A Co-operative is not a profit-making enterprise. Its patronage dividends are not profits. That is why they object to a profit tax. But Mr. Bracken draws no such distinction. On the contrary he welcomes the opposition to a profit tax by the Co-operatives and intends to use that as an excuse for wiping out the excess profit tax on private enterprise. That is a policy which will suit the capitalists far better than taxing the Co-ops would do. For it would not only ensure maximum profit, but with such profit they could undersell or overbuy the Co-operatives for a long time as necessary to destroy them. Mr. Bracken may be a sincere friend of the Co-ops, but if so, then they had better take care to be saved from the proffered help of their friends.

Intelligent Destruction

THIS is almost unbelievable. Mr. G. H. Lash, executive assistant to the president of "War Assets Corporation" says that "destruction, unfortunately, is a very necessary part of the operations" of his corporation. And he boasts that they are going to destroy things "intelligently." Right here we doubt that. Because people who have no more intelligence than to think that destruction "is a necessary means of getting the peacetime economy on its feet," haven't got enough brains to do anything intelligently. Here is an example of Mr. Lash's intelligent destruction from his own lips. We quote it from the Edmonton Bulletin so that we may not be accused of having concocted the story. Says Mr. Lash:

"Later on we will reach a second phase when we will have enormous stocks of material coming to us while at the same time the whole country will be struggling to get back to a civilian economy. The destruction that will have to be done then is not really destruction—it is a necessary means of getting the peacetime economy on its feet. For instance, supposing later on we are asked to dispose of thousands of used socks and

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With the CCF Across Canada

ONTARIO
J. W. Noseworthy, M.P., has been appointed Director of Finance for Ontario, and is assuming his new duties at once.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. "Ted" Jolliffe on February 7. Mother and child are both doing well. Mr. Jolliffe is the C.C.F. Provincial Leader.

The present mayor of Woodstock is Charles Burston, a member of the C.C.F. for the past 12 years, president of the Woodstock C.C.F. club in 1942 and treasurer of the Oxford Riding C.C.F. in the last provincial election. He was elected with a majority of 500 over his opponent, the son of a former Liberal M. P.

Charlie Burston has always been a strong supporter of the C.C.F. and he might be described as the "Sam Lawrence of Woodstock." He is a stationary engineer by trade and he and his wife are very active in the Anglican church. Mayor Burston gained the respect of not only the working people but all the citizens of Woodstock, during the depression years when he fought almost alone on the council for more consideration and work for those on relief.

SASKATCHEWAN

Hundreds of people attended the supper and dance which was held in the Serbian Hall, Regina, under the auspices of Poll 63, C.C.F. Committee. The supper began at 6:30 and was patronized by over 200 people including several of the elected members who were in the city at the time. A wonderful meal was served, consisting of roast beef, potatoes and gravy, salad, desert and coffee.

Following the supper, a dance was held and it was well attended by citizens of the East side.

As a result of this very fine effort the sum of \$204.20 was turned over to the C.C.F. Victory Fund as a contribution from Poll 63. It is expected that other Polls throughout the city will put on similar events.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Frank McKenzie, C.C.F. Provincial Secretary, has been chosen as candidate for the Kamloops federal riding. He has been secretary of the C.C.F. since 1942. Previously he has practiced law at Revelstoke and in the provincial general election of 1941 he unsuccessfully contested the Revelstoke seat. He was called to the bar in 1937, practicing for several years in Vancouver before going to Revelstoke. He took part in

the formation of the C.C.F. and was a member of the provincial executive of the Reconstruction party when it united with the Socialist party to form the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in B. C.

Cariboo constituency gained the distinction of being the first B. C. riding to top its quota in the Victory Fund Drive. The workers in that far-flung constituency are solidly behind their candidate, William Irvine, and intend to put over his election in the same successful manner, the C.C.F. News reports. British Columbia has now raised 49 per cent of its \$80,000 objective.

MARITIMES

At the annual meeting of the Tangier C.C.F. Club, Halifax, each member volunteered to bring a new member.

Claire Gillis, M.P., has been working full time in his constituency since September with some time out to campaign for other candidates and to attend the United Mine Workers' convention in New Glasgow. The Maritime Commonwealth reports that the irrepresible Gillis is leaving L.P.P. opposition far behind.

Robert Wayne, co-operator and labor union man, has an active committee working with him in Cape Breton North and Victoria, holding meetings, sending out literature and giving weekly radio broadcasts.

CCF NEWS

ALBERTA NOMINATIONS FEDERAL

Acadia—Jack Sutherland
Athabasca—John M. Wagner
Battle River—Henry E. Spencer.
Bow River—J. H. Coldwell
Calgary East—P. N. R. Morrison.
Calgary West—Lt. Kenn Tory.
Camrose—Flt.-Lt. Chester A. Roning.
Edmonton East—Ald. H. D. Ainlay
Edmonton West—Miss Mary R. Crawford
Jasper—Edson — F.O. Harry C. Irvine
Lethbridge—W. W. Scott
Macleod—O. E. Wobick
Medicine Hat—E. W. Smith
Peace River—L. V. Macklin
Red Deer—A. A. MacLellan.
Vereville—Michael Tomyn.
Wetaskiwin—Wilbert Stevens

(Clip above list and send overseas so that the men in the services may become familiar with the name of the C.C.F. candidate in their home constituency.)

MRS. ELLSWORTH HEADS LIVE-WIRE CLUB AT FORSHEE

Forshée—The monthly meeting of the Forshée C.C.F. Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Freeman on the evening of Feb. 21, with a splendid attendance. Membership cards taken that amounted to \$21.00. Collection to Projector Fund, \$5.25; People's Weekly subscriptions, \$22.00, and \$85.75 towards the \$100.00 pledge for the Federal Campaign Fund was handed in.

The 1945 officers were nominated at the January meeting as follows: President, Mrs. Bessie Ellsworth; Vice-President, John Ingram; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Sopitt. An entertainment committee was also elected as follows: W. Ingram, Mrs. A. Freeman and Peter Kozak to set up an entertainment plan for the organizing year to raise funds to cover expenses for delegates to the annual provincial convention.—W.S.

West Edmonton federal constituency board meeting at the home of Miss Mary R. Crawford on Tuesday evening made preliminary plans for poll organization and house meetings. The president, Mrs. F. C. Butterworth, presided.

PRICES GOOD AT SASK. FUR AUCTION

REGINA—Second successful sale of the provincial government fur marketing agency was held Feb. 16, with \$130,000 worth of furs sold, and profits of nearly \$7,000 earned. At the first sale, early in January, furs worth \$91,000 were sold, at a profit to the agency of \$5,000. It has been announced that further sales will be held in April and June. Highlights of the sale was disposal of 3,000 out of a total of 4,000 wolf pelts. Prices for fox were low, with those for mink exceptionally high. Rabbit brought as high as 93 cents for a prime skin. One bear skin brought \$12.

LABORITE TO RUN IN A TORY RIDING

LONDON, England—Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, told the London Daily Herald recently that he had decided to demonstrate his declared faith that seats never won before can be captured by Labor at the next general election.

At present Mr. Morrison is M.P. for South Hackney. Although offered a number of safe seats he has now accepted the invitation of the Executive of the East Lewisham Labor Party to be its nominee at the next election.

East Lewisham has never yet been won for Labor, and the sitting member, Sir Assheton Pownall (C.), had a majority at the last election of 5,449.

"If Labor is to get an independent and stable majority," Mr. Morrison said, "it must gain the support of large numbers of professional, technical and administrative workers."

"I am confident that the reasoned appeal of the Labor Party will be accepted by all manual workers and blackcoats alike. "By going to East Lewisham, if I am selected, I shall be emphasizing my conviction that the soundest Labor Party appeal is that which is most universal in its scope."

MEETS REGULARLY

IRMA—The Irma C.C.F. Club is still very much alive and meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. The President is T. Sanders; Vice-President, J. B. Gulbra; Secretary-Treasurer, W. C. Sanders.

E. BRYANT, PRESIDENT

STONY PLAIN Provincial Constituency Association at its annual meeting held on February 10, elected the following executive: President, Mr. E. Bryant, Wabamun; Vice-President, Mr. M. Washburn, Stony Plain.

Directors: Harold Anderson, Stony Plain; H. Critchlow, Duffield; John M. Evjen, Stony Plain; Osborne Erickson, Bright Bank; F. C. Berry, Holborn; Mrs. Geo. Ashmead, Heatherdown; Mrs. M. F. Harris, Entwistle; John Overbo, Tomahawk; John Schymizek, Farris; E. Lewis, Winterburn; Henry Werle, Golder; D. H. Glas, Rocky Rapids; Donald McDonald, Bright Bank; C.C.Y.M. Contact, Nancy Best, Stony Plain.

WOODSWORTH CLUB PROJECTOR FUND

The Edmonton Woodsworth Club is planning a St. Patrick's Day Carnival for March 17th at which the members anticipate clearing \$300 as a start towards raising the necessary funds for the purchase of a Film Projector on behalf of the Alberta C.C.F.

The club wishes to acknowledge the following contributions: C. Paterson, Mellowdale, \$50, Forshée C.C.F. Club, \$5.25.

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Mar. 9, Henry E. Spencer, C.C.F. candidate for Battle River.

LEGISLATURES MEET EVERY OTHER YEAR

WASHINGTON — How many Canadian know that most of the U. S. state legislatures meet only every second year? New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island and South Carolina are the only ones that meet annually. And all the states except Nebraska have an upper and lower legislative body, similar to Quebec. Senators and Representatives can only represent the district in which they live. Nobody who lives in the city of Washington has a chance to vote for anyone, unless they own land outside of the city and are registered there. The city is governed by a commission of three appointed by Congress. A movement is on foot again, however, to provide Washington with representation in Congress and it is believed that it has a good chance to pass during this session.

FOUR MEN

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool. Shun him!
He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is teachable. Teach him!
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Government Riding Two Horses

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at hand ready-made in the present government a better instrument of conservatism than they had tried to create artificially through the fusion of the two old line parties, hence, the loss of Independent votes," the C.C.F. member said.

At Parting of Ways

"Having ridden to power last August on the backs of two horses the government must now make up its mind which one it will ride down the legislative road. The government is at the parting of the ways. This session will determine whether it is facing forward with the people or facing backward with reaction."

"If the government gives unequivocal and vigorous support to the C.C.F. motion condemning taxation of the co-operatives, it will be facing forward. If it side-steps the issue by ambiguous amendment then it will be trying still to ride two horses—trying to satisfy its own progressive back-benchers by giving lip service to the ideal of co-operation and at the same time assisting the 'big shots' in their all-out attack on the people's co-operatives."

Will Tell the Story

The Calgary C.C.F. member recalled that the Leader of the Independents, Mr. Page, in referring to the conservatism of the present government, had said that he did not know whether Social Credit had swallowed orthodox finance or orthodoxy had swallowed Social Credit. "If in the housing scheme the government has some co-operative plan for using our own resources and our own labor to build homes for the people," continued Fit-Lt. Liesemer, "then it is still fighting the people's battle; but if it is merely going to build homes on borrowed money, then it is simply putting us further into the

clutches of the '50 big shots who own Canada.'"

Refunding

Further, the speaker contended that in the government's proposal for refunding we shall discover which road it is taking. If the terms are the same as those proposed ten years ago, by the late Mr. Aberhart, then the government is adhering to its old and original track. On the other hand if the rate of interest is comparable to that which financiers can get any place in the open market today, then that will be indisputable evidence that the government of Alberta after ten years has surrendered unconditionally to the Canadian representatives of International Finance.

Disappointment must be felt, the C.C.F. Member continued, that the government has not indicated in the Throne Speech that any attempt is being made to promote true temperance in the province. The people in Alberta decided long ago against prohibition, and perhaps wisely so, but at that time it was agreed by all that by education and regulation this province should progressively become more temperate in its use of alcoholic beverages.

"I hope that the government will favorably consider regulations which will make further amounts of intoxicants unavailable to persons convicted of any charge involving drunkenness, and will remove both the right to drink intoxicants and the right to drive cars from anyone responsible for an accident while driving when drunk. Any loss of revenue which may result from a greater temperance on the part of the people of this province can well be afforded by our treasury," he said.

Gov't Risk, Company Profit
Fit-Lt. Liesemer specifically criticized the agreement between

the government and Oil Sands Ltd., whereby the government will give the company a quarter of a million dollars to build a pilot plant for obtaining oil from the bituminous sands of the Fort McMurray region. After the plant is built the company may purchase it for the same sum of money, final payment to be made in 1955.

"Those opposed to the C.C.F. plan whereby the government should develop provincial resources for the sake of the people, say that private exploiters deserve private profit because they take the risk. Yet here the government takes all the risk and the private company all the profit. If the experiment is a failure we lose; if it is a success the company wins. Surely no old line party anywhere in Canada has ever been more solicitous for the welfare of a private capitalist or more profligate in the indiscriminate squandering of the people's resources." Fit-Lt. Liesemer said.

Must Look to Resources

The Calgary C.C.F. Member commended the government on its health legislation. He warned, however, that new sources of revenue must be found. "Taxation on Alberta citizens cannot be increased, borrowing is no solution, even if we could borrow," said the C.C.F. Member. "The government of Alberta must look to provincial development of its resources in order to find funds to continue and extend health and other social services."

"And that constitutes a simple statement of a large proportion of the C.C.F. provincial proposals—a vast extension of education, health, old age and other social services would be paid for not out of taxation or borrowing but out of the exploitation of our natural resources."

The speaker was at a loss to understand why the government was so frightened of provincial and co-operative ownership when one of its most successful institutions, The Alberta Insurance Act, was but one small example of the entire C.C.F. provincial platform.

Misrepresentation by Cabinet
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EVERYONE WHO KNOWS Canadians will get a real laugh out of the description of Alf, who represents the disturbances of torpedo attacks and explosions of depth charges, because they keep him from undisturbed reading of Western Thriller and other cowboy tales.

There is the argument between the Liverpool Irishman, Regan, who can't see the sense of "taking stuff to the ruddy Russians" as "we'll have to fight them yet," and the whimsical cockney who has "altered his opinion about the Russians."

He has his own five-year plan: "The ideal is to get 'arf a crew together 'oo 'ave all sived their p's, and we'll all join up wiv 'arf a crew of Russian sailor women 'oo 'ave sived their pay. . . . We'll salvage a bloody ship from the bottom of the sea. Twenty years' time we'll all be retired and 'ave our kids working."

MR. WRIGHT WORKED FOR awhile with the British Army Bureau for Current Affairs. He uses the background of that experience to write the most useful chapter in this book.

Without cramming his own leftist ideas down the throats of his readers, Jim lets his characters speak for themselves in the discussion group. Thus:

"What a demagogue?" a soldier asked.

"Demagogue is a person who finds out what your real and imaginary troubles are and then blames it all on somebody else. . . . He'll blame your troubles on the Socialists or the capitalists or the French or the Jews or the Catholics or the Protestants. But he'll never blame YOU."

"All Clear, Canada" may be ordered through the People's Weekly Book Shop, 10010-102nd Street, Edmonton. (\$2.00, plus 10c postage).

A Bit of Nonsense

Cannibal Soothsayer: "Did you know that the chief has hayfever?"
Medico: "Serves him right, we warned him not to eat that grass widow."

Dad: "I can see right through that chorus girl's intrigue, young man."

His Son: "I know, Dad, but they all dress that way nowadays."

A political speaker was much annoyed by a man in his audience who coughed and sneezed and blew his nose almost constantly.

"Finally the speaker could stand it no longer. As politely as he could he suggested to the auditor who was having so much discomfort that a visit to the open air might be good for his cold."

"I haven't any cold," came the answer. "I'm just allergic to apple sauce."

The customer pointed to the Chinese characters on his laundry ticket and asked the Chinaman, "Is that my name?"

"No name. Desecration," the Chinaman answered. "Means I'll old man, closs oyed, no teet!"

Irvine's Comment

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sweaters, while at the same time the knitting mills are trying to re-absorb employees from the armed forces. If we dump those socks and sweaters on the market the mills won't be able to operate and a lot of people will be out of work." Is this Ponoka calling?

Lucacy Masquerades

As Wisdom

AND this is what Canada's post-war planners would do. Let Mr. Lash tell it. "In a case like that (quoted above) wouldn't it be more sensible to unravel the wool and turn it back to the mills for re-knitting, rather than to sell the socks and sweaters and pay doles to those left out of work?" If that seems sensible to Mr. Lash, then obviously he hasn't enough brains left even to "destroy intelligently." Apparently the people of Canada could use such socks and sweaters, otherwise it would be impossible to sell them. If then these articles are needed, could there be anything more insane than to unravel the wool and have them re-knitted busy doing something? That is the brain-wave of a free enterpriser. But the sad thing about it all is that we are going to tackle the economic problem which the war interrupted, in exactly the same fool way that we were doing before the war began. There is still not the slightest notion on the part of War Assets Corporation that intelligence in production is quite as

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essential as intelligence in destruction; that intelligence in production means that people must be permitted to use what has been produced. That would make it un-intelligent to destroy the said socks and sweaters, and thousands of other articles of use. Will the people of Canada stand for this sort of thing? If they do, they are not only already damned but they ought to be. To destroy created wealth intelligently or to pay doles unintelligently are not very hopeful alternatives to a free people in a blood-bought democracy. Is this our Canadian way of life that men have died to preserve? If so, we are ashamed of it, ashamed of those who stand for it and regret the sacrifices we have made under the false pretenses of our rulers.

The People Speak

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It would appear that the calibre of brains and intelligence in public offices in Alberta, have been, and still are, the chief cause of these unsupportable conditions under which the poor deluded Alberta Workers and Farmers are compelled to compete with other Canadian citizens to exist.

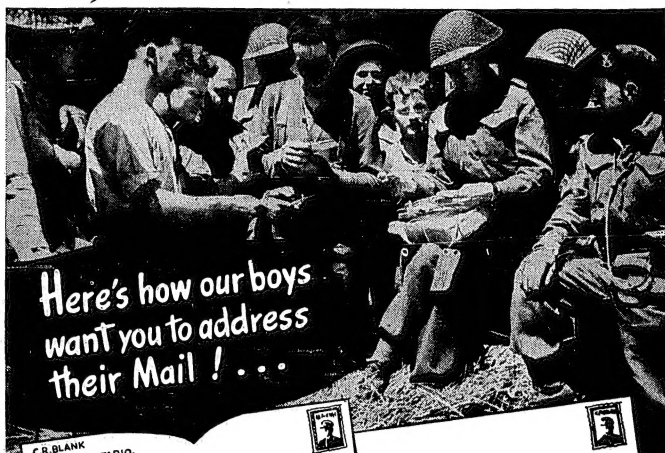
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At Parting of Ways
 "Having ridden to power last August on the backs of two horses the government must now make up its mind which one it will ride down the legislative road. The government is at the parting of the ways. This session will determine whether it is facing forward with the people or facing backward with reaction."

"If the government gives unequivocal and vigorous support to the C.C.F. motion condemning taxation of the co-operatives, it will be facing forward. If it side-steps the issue by ambiguous amendment then it will be trying still to ride two horses—trying to satisfy its own progressive back-benchers by giving lip service to the ideal of co-operation and at the same time assuaging the 'big shots' in their all-out attack on the people's co-operatives."

Will Tell the Story

The Calgary C.C.F. member recalled that the Leader of the Independents, Mr. Page, in referring to the conservation of the present government had said that he did not know whether Social Credit had swallowed orthodox finance or orthodoxy had swallowed Social Credit. "If in the housing scheme the government has some co-operative plan for using our own resources and our own labor to build homes for the people," continued Fit-Lt. Liesemer, "then it is still fighting the people's battle; but if it is merely going to build homes on borrowed money, then it is simply putting us further into the

clutches of the '50 big shots who own Canada.'"

Refunding

Further, the speaker contended that in the government's proposal for refunding we shall discover which road it is taking. If the terms are the same as those proposed ten years ago, by the late Mr. Aberhart, then the government is adhering to its old and original track. On the other hand if the rate of interest is comparable to that which financiers can get any place in the open market today, then that will be indisputable evidence that the government of Alberta after ten years has surrendered unconditionally to the Canadian representatives of International Finance.

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northwestern horizon the Royal Canadian Navy corvettes scudded, each like horse and rider, reining now to right, now to left, one galloping outward, the other racing inward. Keen-eyed outriders of the RCN on sure-footed, tireless ponies of the sea. Riding hard on the wagon-train protecting the lumbering caravan going east.

EVERYONE WHO KNOWS Canadians will get a real laugh out of the description of Alf, who reports the disturbances of torpedo attacks and explosions of depth charges, because they keep him from undisturbed reading of Western Thriller and other cowboy tales.

There is the argument between the Liverpool Irishman, Regan, who can't see the sense of "taking stuff to the ruddy Russians" as "we'll have to fight them yet," and the whimsical cockney who has "altered his opinion about the Russians."

He has his own five-year plan: "The idea is to get 'arf a crew together 'oo 'ave all sived their p'y, and we will all join up wiv 'arf a crew of Russian sailor women 'oo 'ave sived their pay. . . . We'll salvage a bloody ship from the bottom of the sea. Twenty years' time we'll all be retired and 'ave our kids working."

MR. WRIGHT WORKED FOR awhile with the British Army Bureau for Current Affairs. He uses the background of that experience to write the most useful chapter in this book.

Without cramping his own leftist ideas down the throats of his readers, Jim lets his characters speak for themselves in the discussion group. Thus:

"What's a demagogue?" a soldier asked.

"Demagogue is a person who finds out what your real and imaginary troubles are and then blames it all on somebody else. . . . He'll blame your troubles on the Socialists or the capitalists or the French or the Jews or the Catholics or the Protestants. But he'll never blame YOU."

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A Bit of Nonsense

Cannibal Soothsayer: "Did you know that the chief has hayfever?" Medico: "Serves him right, we warned him not to eat that grass widow."

Dad: "I can see right through that chorus girl's intrigue, young man."

His Son: "I know, Dad, but they all dress that way nowadays."

A political speaker was much annoyed by a man in his audience who coughed and sneezed and blew his nose almost constantly.

"Finally the speaker could stand it no longer. As politely as he could he suggested to the auditor who was having so much discomfort that a visit to the open air might be good for his cold.

"I haven't any cold," came the answer. "I'm just allergic to apple sauce."

The customer pointed to the Chinese characters on his laundry ticket and asked the Chinaman, "Is that my name?"

"No name. Description," the Chinaman answered. "Means I'll old man, closs eyed, no teeth."

Irvine's Comment

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sweaters, while at the same time the knitting mills are trying to re-absorb employees from the armed forces. If we dump those socks and sweaters on the market, the mills won't be able to operate and a lot of people will be out of work." Is this Ponoka calling?

Lunacy Squarades

As Wisdom
AND this is what Canada's post-war planners would do. Let Mr. Lash tell it. "In a case like that (quoted above) wouldn't it be more sensible to unravel the wool and turn it back to the mills for re-knitting, rather than to sell the socks and sweaters and pay dollars to those left out of work?" If that seems sensible to Mr. Lash, then obviously he hasn't enough brains left even to "destroy intelligently." Apparently the people of Canada, could use such socks and sweaters, otherwise it would be impossible to sell them. If then these articles are needed, could there be anything more insane than to unravel the wool and have them re-knitted just to keep a returned soldier busy doing something? That is the brain-wave of a free enterpriser. But the sad thing about it all is that we are going to tackle the economic problem which the war interrupted, in exactly the same fool way that we were doing before the war began. There is still not the slightest notion on the part of War Assets Corporation that intelligence in production is quite as

Jobless Insurance, Controls, Favored By Congressmen

WASHINGTON—In a current survey of members of Congress 69.9 per cent believe that unemployment insurance should be extended to employees of all businesses; 49.9 per cent favor peace time military training; and 36.1 per cent oppose it; maintenance of large military forces after the war is approved by 55.6 per cent; crop insurance and farm price guarantee is desired by 67.5 per cent and continuance of price control for some time after the war is ok'd by 61 per cent.

essential as intelligence in destruction; that intelligence in production means that people must be permitted to use what has been produced. That would make it unintelligent to destroy the said socks and sweaters, and thousands of other articles of use. Will the people of Canada stand for this sort of thing? If they do, they are not only already damned but they ought to be. To destroy created wealth intelligently or to pay dollars unintelligently are not very hopeful alternatives to a free people in a blood-bought democracy. Is this our Canadian way of life that men have died to preserve? If so, we are ashamed of it, ashamed of those who stand for it and regret the sacrifices we have made under the false pretenses of our rulers.

The People Speak

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Yes Mr. Fallow let's spend a few more million of the rate-payers' money—Whose damn money is it anyway?

We wonder, does the Hon. Minister happen to know that in this advanced and progressive province it now takes 123 miles of highway to serve each thousand of population; whereas in Ontario under a business administration 20 miles of highway serves 1,000 of population. Again may we remind this Minister that in Alberta each 1,000 of population has to support 7.3 miles of railway; while in Ontario each 1,000 people only have to support 3.5 miles of railway—So what, Mr. Fallow?

It would appear that the calibre of brains and intelligence in public offices in Alberta, have been, and still are, the chief cause of these unsupportable conditions under which the poor deluded Alberta Workers and Farmers are compelled to compete with other Canadian citizens to exist.

Yours for intelligent administration.

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LET IT BE SAID

POLISH people have suffered much from the ravages of war. It is to be hoped that the decision made at the Crimean conference in Poland will give the nation towards the happy, mature nationhood which they should have.

They are to be temporarily governed by the Warsaw government, broadened so we are told, to include "democratic leaders from Poland itself and from the Poles abroad," until the Poles can in their own good time, choose the form of government under which they want to live. The only ones not happy about this news are certain members of the so-called Polish government-in-exile in London.

The men comprising this group of London Poles are the rump of what was, prior to the war, one of the most fascist and dictatorial governments in Europe. Persecution of minorities, particularly Jews, was only slightly less severe in Poland than it was in Germany. The forerunner of the present Polish government in London stabbed Czechoslovakia in the back to cut off a rich slice of her territory while Hitler was raving that unfortunate country in 1939. It is heartening to know that the remnants of that government are not the ones chosen with the trusteeship of Poland pending popular elections.

The Crimean conference has reaffirmed, in Poland's case, the third principle of the Atlantic Charter: to "respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live;" and "... to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them."

However, another principle of the Atlantic Charter, the second one, has been absolutely flouted. Roosevelt and Churchill on August 14th, 1941, stated that they desired "to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned." The Big Three, at Stalin's insistence, have decided that the Curzon line (or at least an approximation of it) is to be Poland's eastern boundary and that the territory east of that is to be given to Russia.

Now I am not in a position to say whether this or that should be Poland's eastern boundary—nor is

Poland Partitioned Again

By LORNE INGLE

anyone else in this country—but I do think that the method of choosing that boundary is of concern to all of us.

Much may be said in favor of the Curzon boundary from an historical viewpoint, and it is likely that the people in the region in question are likely to fare much better under the Soviet government than under any which may be elected in Poland. This, however, is a matter of opinion and individual preference and in any case it is not the issue. Surely, before any final decision is made the people in the area should be consulted.

Some commentators have hailed the division as a logical one from an ethnic point of view, claiming that the people living east of the Curzon line are largely Ukrainian anyway. But the decision of the Big Three was not based on racial considerations. In fact Mr. Men, speaking to the House of Commons on Feb. 21st, admitted that his government did not have "detailed, factual and up-to-date evidence on the question."

This particular bit of boundary line drawing can only be understood in the light of Prime Minister Churchill's statement, of Dec. 15th, "Russia has the right of reassurance against future attacks in the west; and we are going all the way with her to see that she gets it." Few could disagree with that general statement of principle. But if the promises held out to the balance of the Crimean Charter are worth a hoot it should not be necessary to redraw Poland's boundaries on an arbitrary basis in order to provide a bulwark against future attacks of Germany on Russia. Poland's boundaries should probably be redrawn, but not for that reason.

Stalin plainly has not much faith in the high-sounding promises of security which emanated from the Yalta meeting. Roosevelt and Churchill must share this mistrust or they would insist on sticking to the principles of the Atlantic Charter.

Why not take a plebiscite among the people who are affected by this territorial division to determine their opinion on the matter? Their wishes will have to be determined in detail in any case, to effect the compulsory transfers of population which Churchill has said will take place after peace is established.

Suppose the same Big Three had decided that it would be a good thing if the three prairie provinces of Canada were part of the United States. Maybe it would be a good thing. But should not the people of those provinces have some voice in deciding to which country they were to belong? So far as is known the Big Three did not even consult their own provisional Polish government in Warsaw on the matter.

One hope for a democratic resolution of the Polish boundary question remains: The decision on the final boundaries is to await the peace conference.

In the meantime the gathering is to be held in San Francisco on April 25th, as a follow-up to the Dumbarton Oaks conference, has two strikes on it before it starts. The Big Three, themselves, are apparently none too confident that it will really lay the foundations of a lasting peace.

PERSONAL STUFF

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buy from the family of Have some of the things which they themselves had made, and thus were able to live.

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But the families of the tribe of Have-not only received a sufficient amount of the strange pieces of paper to buy a portion of what they had produced on the estate. And so it came to pass, in the fullness of time, that the storehouses of the family of Have were filled to overflowing. The patriarch of the family of Have then issued a decree, and the words of the decree were these: "My barns and storehouses are full. The Lord has been gracious and bountiful. Now, therefore, it will not be necessary for the members of the tribe of Have-not to toil in the fields and the workshops." There was rejoicing then among the families of the tribe of Have-not. But it came to pass upon the next day that the families of Have-not went to the patriarch of the family of Have and said, "Give us of the pieces of paper that we may buy from your storehouses, for we are in need." But the patriarch laughed loudly and long. "You foolish Have-nots," said he, "how can you expect to be given the magic paper with which to buy, when you are not working? It is only when you work that you can have." Then were the families of the tribe of Have-not sorrowful. There was weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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Now it came to pass that there was sorrow in the homes of the families of the tribe of Have-not. There was the crying of children for food and the feet of the children of the makers-of-shoes were unshod. There was desolation on the estate. Then arose one of the tribe of Have-not and burning words fell from his lips. "Why," said he, "should there be hunger and nakedness among the tribe of Have-nots? Are not the fields fertile as before? Do not the iron and copper still exist in the hills? Have we not made machines to grind the corn and card the wool and fashion shoes for our feet? Why do we in idleness here? And why do the members of the tribe of Have-not were shocked at such talk. "Away with him," they said. But he persisted, and soon the members of the tribe of Have-not began to think in the same way and a great meeting was held at which it was decided by the families of the tribe of Have-not that they would start working again on the estate.

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So they began again to till the soil, and the machines in the workshops were made to run and the iron and gold were dug from the hills and sheep were sheared and fruit was gathered from the trees of the orchards. And the products of the estate were distributed to the families of the tribe of Have-not, even to so many of them as were willing to work. And the patriarch of the family of Have was wroth. But it availed him nothing, for the Haves were few and the Have-nots were many. And the members of the tribe of Have-not lived long in the land and enjoyed the fruits thereof. For the estate was very great and very rich and there was plenty for all. And when the barns and storehouses of the estate became filled it was a time of rejoicing among the inhabitants thereof. And the old men gathered the children of the new generation around them and told them the strange story of the bad old days when there was hunger and nakedness among the Have-nots whenever the storehouses, which then were owned by the family of Have, became filled. And the children laughed and said it was a funny story.

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YOUTH TOMORROW



BY THE CCYM - THE YOUTH SECTION OF THE C.C.F.

THE person who knows the facts, who can state his case logically and dispassionately, who can keep his head, has an enormous advantage in an argument. Anyone who takes an interest in public affairs owes it to himself to keep up with the news, and to attempt to dig out the story behind the news as well. The events of today are merely the results of certain trends and actions in the past. For example, no one should start talking about ending Fascism until they have studied the history of Fascism and know the conditions which bring about that sort of government. Often the present is illuminated when a searchlight is turned on the past.



Barbara Davidson

Sometimes in the not too distant future a general election is going to be called in Canada. One thing that every member of the C.C.Y.M. can start doing immediately by way of preparation is to lay in a good supply of verbal ammunition. Around election time everyone argues politics. People who pay no attention to public affairs at any other time will readily join in discussions then. That is the psychological time for you to undertake their conversion. If you know ahead of time where you stand you have a head-start.

You can present your argument with confidence and pick out the flaws in theirs, you can confound your opponents with facts and figures. Knowledge is a trusty weapon.

Different C.C.Y.M. clubs can prepare a program of study based on the C.C.F. platform, the issues of the coming election, or other topics of that sort but in the last analysis it is up to the individual member. No one ever became really well informed through others' efforts. If you want to find out what the score is, go over and ask the score-keeper yourself, don't trust the fellow standing beside you to know.

Juvenile Delinquency

Juvenile delinquency has loomed up more and more these last few years, even during the war when every boy can make spending money by delivering or other part-time work. Few boys can be said to be in actual need because of poverty at home or lack of employment. There is another cause which cannot be dealt with just by supplying constructive recreation.

Our so-called "funny papers," children's programs and children's

books have become very largely crime stories in various forms. Children are not born criminals but children are imitators of their heroes. As long as our juveniles spend most of their time reading and listening to crime and detective stories their thinking is bound to be unhealthily filled with thoughts of violence. Furthermore, as long as our radio programs and reading materials are produced for private profit and to the editors with the morale of the nation must have this problem. No patches will suffice. The roots of the problem are cancerous and are found in the regions of private profit.

This a thought and another reason why we must dispense with our private profit system.

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